

CLAIMS

1. An image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus are directly connected via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, characterized by comprising:

reception means for receiving status information from the recording apparatus;

10 determination means for determining whether said reception means has received predetermined status information from the recording apparatus within a predetermined time period after the image supply device issues a predetermined command to the recording apparatus; and

15 process means for, in a case where said determination means determines that no predetermined status information has been received, determining a status as a status to be estimated from a normal process, and continuing a process.

2. The image supply device according to claim 1, wherein when said determination means determines that no predetermined status information has been received after the predetermined command is issued, said process means estimates that the recording apparatus cannot receive a next command, and continues the process.

3. The image supply device according to claim 1,
further comprising:

display means for displaying a user interface
5 image; and

UI change means for changing the user interface
image displayed on said display means in accordance
with the status information received by said reception
means.

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4. The image supply device according to claim 1,
further comprising request means for requesting the
status information of the recording apparatus.

15 5. The image supply device according to claim 1,
wherein the communication interface includes a USB.

6. The image supply device according to claim 1,
wherein the image supply device includes a digital
20 camera.

7. A recording system in which an image supply device
and a recording apparatus are directly connected via a
communication interface, and image data is transmitted
25 from the image supply device to the recording apparatus
and recorded, comprising:

transmission means for transmitting status

information from the recording apparatus to the image supply device;

determination means for determining whether the image supply device has received predetermined status information within a predetermined time period after the image supply device issues a predetermined command to the recording apparatus; and

process means for, in a case where said determination means determines that no predetermined status information has been received, determining a status as a status estimated from a normal process, and continuing a process in the image supply device.

8. The recording system according to claim 7, wherein when said determination means determines that no predetermined status information has been received after the image supply device issues the predetermined command, said process means estimates that the recording apparatus cannot receive a next command, and continues the process in the image supply device.

9. The recording system according to claim 7, wherein the image supply device further comprises

display means for displaying a user interface image, and

UI change means for changing the user interface image displayed on said display means in accordance

with the status information received by said reception means.

10. The recording system according to claim 7, further
5 comprising request means for requesting the status
information of the recording apparatus by the image
supply device.

11. The recording system according to claim 7, wherein
10 the communication interface includes a USB.

12. A control method in a recording system in which an
image supply device and a recording apparatus are
directly connected via a communication interface, and
15 image data is transmitted from the image supply device
to the recording apparatus and recorded, comprising:

a transmission step of transmitting status
information from the image supply device to the
recording apparatus;

20 a determination step of determining whether the
image supply device has received predetermined status
information within a predetermined time period after
the image supply device issues a predetermined command
to the recording apparatus in said transmission step;
25 and

a process step of, in a case where it is
determined that no predetermined status information

have been received in said determination step,
determining a status as a status estimated from a
normal process, and continuing a process in the image
supply device.

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13. The control method according to claim 12, further
comprising:

a display step of displaying a user interface
image; and

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a UI change step of changing the user interface
image displayed in said display step, in accordance
with the status information received in said reception
step.

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14. An image supply device used in a recording system
in which the image supply device and a recording
apparatus communicate with each other via a
communication interface, and image data is transmitted
from the image supply device to the recording apparatus
and recorded, characterized by comprising:

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command issuing means for issuing a predetermined
command to the recording apparatus;

reception means for receiving a signal from the
recording apparatus after said command issuing means
issues the predetermined command;

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determination means for determining whether the
signal received by said reception means is a response

corresponding to the predetermined command; and

control means for controlling an issuing timing
of a next command to the recording apparatus in a case
where said determination means determines that the
5 signal is not the response corresponding to the
predetermined command.

15. The image supply device according to claim 14,
wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of
10 the next command by a predetermined time period.

16. The image supply device according to claim 15,
wherein the predetermined time period is changed at
random.

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17. The image supply device according to claim 15,
wherein the predetermined time period is updated every
time said determination means determines that the
signal is not the response corresponding to the
20 predetermined command.

18. A recording apparatus used in a recording system
in which an image supply device and the recording
apparatus communicate with each other via a
25 communication interface, and image data is transmitted
from the image supply device to the recording apparatus
and recorded, characterized by comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

reception means for receiving a signal from the image supply device after said command issuing means
5 issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether the signal received by said reception means is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

control means for controlling an issuing timing
10 of a next command to the image supply device in a case where said determination means determines that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

15 19. The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of the next command by a predetermined time period.

20 20. The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

21. The recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every
25 time said determination means determines that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

22. An image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus are directly connected via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, characterized by comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

10 reception means for receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether the signal received by said reception means is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

15 process means for continuing a process in a case where said determination means determines that the signal is the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

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23. The image supply device according to claim 22, further comprising request means for requesting status information of the recording apparatus, in a case where said determination means determined that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

24. A control method for a recording system in which an image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, characterized by comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command between the image supply device and the recording apparatus;

a determination step of determining whether a signal received from a partner is a response corresponding to the predetermined command after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step; and

a change step of changing an issuing timing of a next command in at least one of the image supply device and the recording apparatus, in a case where it is determined that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command in said determination step.

25. The control method according to claim 24, wherein in said change step, the issuing timing of the next command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

26. The control method according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

27. The control method according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time where it is determined that the signal is not the
5 response corresponding to the predetermined command in said determination step.

28. A control method for a recording system in which an image supply device and a recording apparatus are
10 directly connected via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, characterized by comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined
15 command between the image supply device and the recording apparatus;

a determination step of determining whether a signal received from a partner is a response corresponding to the predetermined command after the
20 predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step; and

a process step of continuing a process in a case where it is determined that the signal is the response corresponding to the predetermined command in said
25 determination step.

29. The control method according to claim 28, further

comprising a request step of requesting status
information of the partner, in a case where it is
determined that the signal is not the response
corresponding to the predetermined command in said
5 determination step.

30. A computer-readable storage medium characterized
by storing a program which executes a recording system
control method defined in claim 24.

AMENDED CLAIMS

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all other claims unchanged (11 pages)]

1. (Amended) An image supply device used in a
recording system in which the image supply device and a
recording apparatus communicate with each other via a
5 communication interface, and image data is transmitted
from the image supply device to the recording apparatus
and recorded, characterized by comprising:

reception means for receiving status information
from the recording apparatus;

10 determination means for determining whether said
reception means has received predetermined status
information from the recording apparatus within a
predetermined time period after the image supply device
issues a predetermined command to the recording
15 apparatus; and

process means for, in a case where said
determination means determines that no predetermined
status information has been received, determining a
status as a status to be estimated from a normal
20 process, and continuing a process.

2. The image supply device according to claim 1,
wherein when said determination means determines that
no predetermined status information has been received
25 after the predetermined command is issued, said process
means estimates that the recording apparatus cannot
receive a next command, and continues the process.

3. The image supply device according to claim 1,
further comprising:

display means for displaying a user interface
5 image; and

UI change means for changing the user interface
image displayed on said display means in accordance
with the status information received by said reception
means.

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4. The image supply device according to claim 1,
further comprising request means for requesting the
status information of the recording apparatus.

15 5. The image supply device according to claim 1,
wherein the communication interface includes a USB.

6. The image supply device according to claim 1,
wherein the image supply device includes a digital
20 camera.

7. (Amended) A recording system in which an image
supply device and a recording apparatus communicate
with each other via a communication interface, and
25 image data is transmitted from the image supply device
to the recording apparatus and recorded, comprising:

transmission means for transmitting status

information from the recording apparatus to the image supply device;

determination means for determining whether the image supply device has received predetermined status information within a predetermined time period after the image supply device issues a predetermined command to the recording apparatus; and

process means for, in a case where said determination means determines that no predetermined status information has been received, determining a status as a status estimated from a normal process, and continuing a process in the image supply device.

8. The recording system according to claim 7, wherein when said determination means determines that no predetermined status information has been received after the image supply device issues the predetermined command, said process means estimates that the recording apparatus cannot receive a next command, and continues the process in the image supply device.

9. The recording system according to claim 7, wherein the image supply device further comprises

display means for displaying a user interface image, and

UI change means for changing the user interface image displayed on said display means in accordance

with the status information received by said reception means.

10. The recording system according to claim 7, further
5 comprising request means for requesting the status information of the recording apparatus by the image supply device.

11. The recording system according to claim 7, wherein
10 the communication interface includes a USB.

12. (Amended) A control method in a recording system in which an image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a
15 communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, comprising:

a transmission step of transmitting status information from the image supply device to the
20 recording apparatus;

a determination step of determining whether the image supply device has received predetermined status information within a predetermined time period after the image supply device issues a predetermined command
25 to the recording apparatus in said transmission step; and

a process step of, in a case where it is

determined that no predetermined status information have been received in said determination step, determining a status as a status estimated from a normal process, and continuing a process in the image supply device.

13. The control method according to claim 12, further comprising:

a display step of displaying a user interface image; and

a UI change step of changing the user interface image displayed in said display step, in accordance with the status information received in said reception step.

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14. An image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, characterized by comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

reception means for receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether the

signal received by said reception means is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

control means for controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the recording apparatus in a case
5 where said determination means determines that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

15. The image supply device according to claim 14,
10 wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of the next command by a predetermined time period.

16. The image supply device according to claim 15,
wherein the predetermined time period is changed at
15 random.

17. The image supply device according to claim 15,
wherein the predetermined time period is updated every
time said determination means determines that the
20 signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

18. A recording apparatus used in a recording system
in which an image supply device and the recording
25 apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus

and recorded, characterized by comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

reception means for receiving a signal from the
5 image supply device after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether the signal received by said reception means is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

10 control means for controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the image supply device in a case where said determination means determines that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

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19. The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of the next command by a predetermined time period.

20 20. The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

21. The recording apparatus according to claim 19,
25 wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time said determination means determines that the signal is not the response corresponding to the

predetermined command.

22. (Amended) An image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, characterized by comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

reception means for receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether the signal received by said reception means is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

process means for continuing a process in a case where said determination means determines that the signal is the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

23. The image supply device according to claim 22, further comprising request means for requesting status information of the recording apparatus, in a case where said determination means determined that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

24. A control method for a recording system in which
an image supply device and a recording apparatus
communicate with each other via a communication
5 interface, and image data is transmitted from the image
supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded,
characterized by comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined
command between the image supply device and the
10 recording apparatus;

a determination step of determining whether a
signal received from a partner is a response
corresponding to the predetermined command after the
predetermined command is issued in said command issuing
15 step; and

a change step of changing an issuing timing of a
next command in at least one of the image supply device
and the recording apparatus, in a case where it is
determined that the signal is not the response
20 corresponding to the predetermined command in said
determination step.

25. The control method according to claim 24, wherein
in said change step, the issuing timing of the next
25 command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

26. The control method according to claim 25, wherein

the predetermined time period is changed at random.

27. The control method according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time
5 where it is determined that the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command in said determination step.

28. (Amended) A control method for a recording system
10 in which an image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, characterized by comprising:

15 a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command between the image supply device and the recording apparatus;

a determination step of determining whether a signal received from a partner is a response
20 corresponding to the predetermined command after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step; and

a process step of continuing a process in a case where it is determined that the signal is the response
25 corresponding to the predetermined command in said determination step.

29. The control method according to claim 28, further comprising a request step of requesting status information of the partner, in a case where it is determined that the signal is not the response
5 corresponding to the predetermined command in said determination step.

30. A computer-readable storage medium characterized by storing a program which executes a recording system
10 control method defined in claim 24.